



VIRGINIA ENCAMPMENT 2015  
FORT PICKETT

**Special points of interest:**

- First parental orientation
- First insight of encampment

**Quote of the day:**

“The boss says  
‘Go do some-  
thing!’ The  
leader says  
‘Let’s do some-  
thing!’”



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Fort Pickett  
June 22, 2015

Actual Temp  
93° Lo 72°

Hist. Avg.  
93° Lo 72°



***DAY ONE EXTRA — EXTRA —EXTRA—EXTRA—EXTRA!  
PARENT ORIENTATION EASE CONCERNS***

***By PAO Cadre***

FORT PICKETT – A Parent’s Orientation was held in the Dining Hall for the parents of Student Cadets attending Virginia Wing Encampment (VAWG ENC) 2015 for the first time. Host for the orientation, Encampment Commander, Lt. Col. Timothy Day, provided parents with an overview of the VAWG ENC Syllabus, explained and described Cadet Protection, safety, stress management, and



how parents could keep up with their Cadet’s activities on the VAWG ENC Web-site and Facebook. The Parent Orientation included tours of the dining facility and barracks.

“The orientation

was helpful and we got to see the barracks, dining hall, and the kitchen which put parents at ease with what the cadets are going to be going through, said Parent Dev Sen, Dad of a Fredericksburg Composite Squadron Student Cadet. “I know that for the first couple of days, he (his son Jeffery Sen) will be unhappy, but after he makes some friends, he’ll be fine.”

“Thank you for the Parent’s Briefing” said many of the parents in attendance on Day 1 and on Facebook once home. “We appreciate the opportunity to have an orientation, ask questions, be provided with contact information and a way to track our Cadets’ activities during the 7-day encampment,” said one of the parents in attendance.

“Lt. Col. Day provided emergency phone numbers to VAWG and his own mobile telephone number”, said Parent Tell Asner, present for the orientation. He directed parents to the Facebook social media site for the viewing of images and video where parents can follow the daily activities of the cadets and look for their

## ***DAY ONE EXTRA ! —PARENT ORIENTATION EASES CONCERNS (Continued)***



Parent reviews check-in materials during Parent Orientation

cadet.

Parents demonstrated trust and confidence in the VAWG ENC Senior Member and Cadet Cadre as some of the Student Cadets arrived by arranged car-pool or Corporate Civil Air Patrol Van. These were cadets without par-

ent escorts.

"I think it's a great experience since it is the first time he's been away from home in an environment like that," said Parent Cheryl Kelly, Mother of Prince William Composite Squadron Cadet Alex Kelly. "I have no concerns be-

cause he (son Alex) was excited about experiencing something new."

"I have no worries. I know my kid (his daughter Maria Gyurik)," said Parent Mathew Gyurik, Dad of a Hanover Squadron Cadet. The overwhelming parent sentiment seems to

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## **USAF ASSISTS CADET TO ATTEND ENCAMPMENT DAY ONE BEGINS!**

FORT PICKETT -For 35 first-time encampment attendees participating in Virginia Wing Encampment (VAWG ENC) 2015, financial assistance from the United States Air Force (USAF) covered encampment fees, uniforms, transportation, and other costs associated with VAWG ENC 2015 Program. Civil Air Patrol received this special funding through the USAF Cadet Encampment Assistance Program (CEAP).

"This is a tremendous opportunity for cadets who want to attend encampment, but have been unable to participate due to the costs involved," said Encampment Commander, Lt. Col. Timothy Day. "The funding arrived at a challenging time in the summer season's planning cycle," said Lt. Col. Day. Cadets and encampment staff had to move quickly to maximize the opportunities to take advantage of the program.

CEAP funding went to 35 Student Cadets in Virginia Wing as follows:

MER-VA-017 (Lynchburg, Composite Squadron)  
MER-VA-040 (Chester Composite Squadron)  
MER-VA-056 (Montgomery Composite Squadron)



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## USAF ASSISTS CADET TO ATTEND ENCAMPMENT DAY ONE BEGINS! (Continued)

This was great news and evidence of the Air Force's pride in the accomplishments of CAP cadets and enthusiasm for their future, said Lt. Col. Day. For any cadet wanting to attend an encampment this summer, financial considerations should not be the factor

that holds them back, he added. CEAP Assistance was a one-time opportunity for VAWG ENC 2015, though Air Force officials hope the Air Force continues to find value in the program and considers providing funding in future years.



### Day One— EXTRAS



*“North Carolina, Maryland, National Capitol and Virginia Wings Represented”*

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